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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Thank you for your inquiry of September 18 on behalf of your constituents, Francis Lew and Norman Fustbach of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, concerning the disappearance of two Argentine physicists, Federico Manuel Alvarez Rojas and Daniel Eduardo Bendersky. Mr. Rojas' wife, Hilda, has also disappeared.

The Department of State has been aware of these cases for some time. Unfortunately, our Embassy in Buenos Aires has been unable to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Rojas and Mr. Bendersky despite repeated requests to the Argentine Government. Notwithstanding these previous negative replies, we will again ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to seek information regarding their welfare and to keep you informed of any new developments.

Be assured that we remain concerned about the human rights situation in Argentina and take every opportunity to seek improvements in this area.

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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